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Subject: Azerbaijan Update

Good afternoon,

I wanted to bring to your attention an op-ed by Ambassador of Azerbaijan to the United States Elin Suleymanov titled "<u>Our Dispute with Armenia and Regional Security</u>." Ambassador Suleymanov wrote the location of Armenia's recent attack, hundreds of miles north of the line of contact, "speaks volumes about the intentions behind this latest act of aggression."

Discussing the threats to peace and security in greater Eurasia due to the ongoing conflict, Ambassador Suleymanov noted Armenia's illegal occupation and ethnic cleansing campaign has caused a significant humanitarian challenge by displacing a million people. Additionally, the Ambassador wrote, "In spite of the four United Nations Security Council resolutions and numerous other international documents calling for immediate withdrawal of Armenian troops, Armenia continues to defy basic principles of international law and negotiation efforts by the OSCE Minsk Group co-chaired by France, Russia and U.S."

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Mark

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